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An Important Announcement

We are excited to announce a plan we can all support because it will save the Federation time and money!

- ◇ Starting in August all issues of OCN will be sent by email.
- ◇ We are maintaining a current list of email addresses for all Federation members.
- ◇ If you are unsure whether we have your current email and phone numbers, please email Sheri Alpert at info@thejewishfed.org.
- ◇ Communicating by email will save time and money and will allow the board and staff to communicate with you more expeditiously.
- ◇ If you do not have an email address, please contact Sheri Alpert at 574-233-1164, and we will continue to send OCN mailings to you by regular mail.



RENEWED FOCUS, ENERGY & EFFORT

By Moshe Kruger, Executive Director

How do we create a flourishing Jewish community?

In my Annual Report titled, *Renewed Focus, Energy & Effort* one key to unlocking our potential that I highlighted is to tap into the power of our collective aspiration as a community. This concept of our collective aspiration is taking shape through

the many 1:1 conversations I've been having with you to learn more about the needs of the community. Through your invaluable input and willingness to engage in open and honest dialogue together we can translate our Jewish values into action by addressing the most pressing questions facing our community, including:

- ◇ How can we ensure that we continue to grow Jewishly as individuals, both spiritually and intellectually?
- ◇ How can we translate the values of loving kindness into creative programs for the diverse members of our community?
- ◇ How should our Jewish community interact with other communities of faith in our region?
- ◇ How can we honor the elders of our community who have taught us so much about generosity of spirit and mutual responsibility?
- ◇ How can we raise Jewish children who radiate a secure and proud Jewish identity while honoring and cherishing the values of our pluralistic society?

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Thank You for Attending June Annual Meeting!

This year's Annual Meeting was far from our traditional model. Thank you to the over ninety members who joined us for our first, and hopefully last, virtual Annual Meeting. Michael Kirsch, who had stepped into the Interim President position last fall, was elected President for the next two years. Anne Feferman and Alon Shemesh were voted in a Vice Presidents, Mara Boettcher as Treasurer, Megan New as Secretary, and David Ravitch will continue to

serve on the board as Immediate Past President.

Directors nominated for a 2-year term ending in 2022 are Jennifer Schwartz, Simon Springer, Elisheve Lerman, Abbie Davis, and Josh Eisenman. Directors who are continuing their second of their 2-year terms ending in 2021 include Marlene Hollenkamp, Sarah Nerenberg, Jason Schwartz, Cristyne Porile, and Dov Honick.

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In answering these questions about our shared Jewish future, I know I have much work to do to earn your trust and confidence. As I deepen my engagement with the Michiana Jewish community in the coming year I will be asking for your help to create the vision for our common future. We each have



the ability and an obligation to advance the change that is needed to create a better future. As we head into this new era, let us build on our community strengths as we are blessed with wonderful Jewish institutions including Jewish Family Services, a community center on a 27 acre campus, a thriving Hebrew Day School, and various congregations that provide the spiritual nourishment of our diverse yet interconnected family to mention a few.

As we celebrate the 75th birthday of the Federation amidst a global pandemic

and a worldwide protest of racial injustice, it is important that we reconnect and renew our sense of purpose. I'm thrilled to join you in this mission. Our mission objective is to connect as many people in our community to our unfolding Jewish story. The journey requires all of our diverse insights, perspectives, and personalities. Your participation makes all the difference! Together we can make our community healthier, safer, and stronger.

Shalom
Moshe Kruger

We Stand Behind Healthcare Heroes!

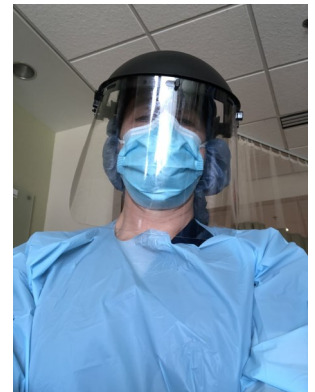
Dr. Ilana Kirsch, Obstetrics & Gynecology Family Medicine of South Bend

"This is me in full PPE, which I am required to wear for every childbirth and surgery from now on. As you can imagine, it is extremely uncomfortable, but necessary to protect me. I am wearing two masks, an N95, and then a regular mask over it to protect the N95 for future re-use. We are being asked to reuse our N95 masks up to five times each. I keep mine in a paper bag in my hospital locker.

"As with all other healthcare workers, I also wear a regular paper mask all day long in my office, and any time I go out of the house. This is to protect those with whom I come in contact. Thank you to all of you who are wearing masks when outside of your homes, to protect all of us!

"Interestingly, at the time of this writing, Israel has almost no new daily cases of COVID-19. This is attributable to the nearly universal use of masks, which our country has been unable to adopt."

Thank you to Dr. Kirsch and all our front line workers who are helping save lives in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are a healthcare professional, first responder, or public health employee working in Michiana, we want to salute your commitment to our community. Please send us your name along with a photo, place of work, and any comments you would like to share about your COVID-19 experience to info@thejewishfed.org. We would love the opportunity to feature our local heroes in our newsletter.



Committee Chairs Exemplify Leadership in Action!

So much of the work of our Federation happens behind the scenes at the level of our committees. The chairpersons of these committees, all volunteers, dedicate tremendous time and effort to their respective tasks, and therefore are deserving of recognition.

Marsha Brook, Jewish Family Services

Marsha is the chair of the Jewish Family Services Advisory Board. She brings decades of experience and wisdom in human and social service management, as well as knowledge, love and care for our local community, to the JFS Advisory Board. Over the past year, she has been crucial in helping ensure that the JFS department has maintained its course through multiple staff member changes and the reorientation of JFS's service priorities through the COVID-19 pandemic, by helping to guide monthly JFS Advisory Board meetings, and by serving as a consultant and support for Rowan as he assumed the position of directing JFS.



Cristyne Porile & David Ravitch, Partnership2Gether

Cristyne and David are co-chairs of the Partnership2gether (P2G) committee. P2G is our direct connection to Israel through our special relationship with the people of Western Galilee. Just one year ago, this committee invested tremendous effort into planning and hosting the P2G Summit in South Bend. Currently, Cristyne has been dedicating her time to a new P2G project called "Sliding Dors", a new initiative where groups of American, Hungarian and Israeli second-generation Holocaust survivors can meet and discuss their unique Jewish identity.



Steve Goldberg Investment Committee

Steve recently took over the role of Investment Committee chair, passed to him by Ron Silverman who served as chair for many years. The investment committee has the vital task of overseeing the management of the endowment funds the Jewish Federation rely on for supplemental income and underwriting of programs, services and scholarships throughout the year.

Abbie Davis, Sara Feldbaum, Ben Finan, and Allen Stenberg

The Young Adults Committee

The Young Adults Programming Committee is a small but powerful leadership of young adults who wants to take responsibility for this age group in our community. With staff leadership from our Shlichah, Chen Nissan, the main goal of the committee is to create programs for Jewish young adults in our community that offer opportunities to meet each other, build friendships and create Jewish connections among their peers. All while seeking out and engaging potential members, Jewish young adults who live in the South Bend area.

This year, the committee organized two successful events: the Hanukkah party and the "Wine and Canvas" event. They are looking to next year to extending their circle, and getting to meet and coordinate with other young adults groups in South Bend, especially in the local Black and Muslim community.



Cristyne Porile JFS Food Pantry

Cristyne is the chair of the Food Pantry Committee. For years, Cristyne has brought her passion to the Federation and to Jewish Family Services, by being a steadfast advocate for ensuring that all who are hungry in our community can receive respectful assistance and quality options. Cristyne has been instrumental in developing the Pantry's endowment fund, which will leave a legacy for our community for years to come.

Barb Lerman, Community Relations Committee

Barb is chair of the Community relations Committee (CRC). Under her leadership, over the past year, the CRC initiated an outreach to build a relationship with African-American community of South Bend. That effort led to the special relationship we now have with Michael Patton, President of the local chapter of the NAACP, and his wife Tina. As a result, the Pattons were invited to join the Partnership2gether (P2G) trip to Israel for non-Jewish community leaders. CRC is continuing to build on this connection. In the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd, this special relationship has become even more important as we seek ways to work together to improve the lives of underserved sectors of South Bend.

A Letter to Mayor James Mueller From Local Leadership

June 4, 2020

The Honorable James Mueller
Mayor, City of South Bend

Dear Mayor Mueller,

As leaders of local Jewish organizations that are concerned with justice and fair treatment for all, and with support from our partners in this initiative (indicated below), we are writing in regard to the brutal murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis Police officer. In South Bend, too, there is a history of police abuse and violence against Black and Brown people. We are reaching out to urge you to take immediate action to implement substantive law enforcement reforms so that all residents of South Bend can feel safe in their interaction with police officers.

While we have no doubt that the great majority of the men and women of the South Bend Police Department are sincerely dedicated to protecting the citizens of South Bend, we urge you to immediately take the following steps as preventative measures:

Adopt a police discipline matrix -- a clear list of violations and consequences, with increasingly serious consequences for repeat violations -- as presented to the Board of Public Safety incorporating improvements suggested by Faith in Indiana and others in the community.

- Remove unfair contract protections which undermine the process to remove officers whose actions pose a danger to public safety.
- Provide anti-bias training for all South Bend Police officers. (The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is available to provide such training).
- Provide use-of-force training for South Bend Police officers that emphasizes de-escalation tactics and Procedural Justice Training (community based "customer service" training)
- Review and strengthen the use-of-force policy in line with national best practices to emphasize de-escalation and to clearly define what is and is not appropriate use of force (e.g. a knee on the neck can never be an appropriate use-of-force).

Had these practices and procedures been in place in the Minneapolis Police Department, we have no doubt that George Floyd would be alive today.

We would also note that the issues we are addressing are long-standing problems, not just the tragic death of one man in Minneapolis. The City of South Bend has the responsibility to ensure that all of our citizens- especially the African American citizens of our city and other citizens of color - feel safe and secure in the knowledge that our police officers have the level of accountability and standards of training that will prevent such a tragedy from happening in South Bend in the future.

Thank you for your consideration and for your efforts in working towards a safer and more civil city for all its citizens. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these proposals in person.

Sincerely,

Marzy Bauer, Chairperson,
Tzedek Seekers of Temple Beth-El

Rabbi Karen Companez,
Temple Beth-El

Bob Feferman,
Community Relations Director,
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Clergy Co-chair, Faith in Indiana,
St. Joseph County Chapter

Jewish Family Services Updates

South Bend Hebrew Day School



Thanks to our friends at the South Bend Hebrew Day School, the JFS Food Pantry received a sizeable donation of items on June 12th to replenish our stock. Students from Mrs. Lindow's 5th grade class had begun a food pantry drive before COVID-19 necessitated the school closing.

Though the drive was short, as you can see, the impact was large! Tzedakah is a value that is taught, and our young friends at the Day School have clearly learned this value and hold it close.

Kiwi Kids

You may have heard that thanks to a program called Kiwi Kids, HOC and Midwest Kosher Deli are currently offering kosher breakfast and lunch to children in our community. The program regularly has leftovers, which are being generously donated to JFS for our clients in need. JFS is grateful for the ongoing support and Chesed from our community!

Rabbi Fred Nebel

Rabbi Fred Nebel, from our local community, is completing a certificate this summer in Clinical Pastoral Education, and will be offering pastoral counseling through Jewish Family Services this summer. Mazel Tov, Rabbi Nebel, for your upcoming certification, and thank you for donating your time and for including JFS as part of your clinical pastoral education this summer. For more information or for a confidential consult please call Rowan at 574-309-1213.



A Year in Review for JFS

Connecting Through Holidays

Our holiday outreach initiatives bring joy into the lives of our community members who are at risk. Four times throughout the year (Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Mishloach Manot for Purim and Maot Chittim for Passover), Jewish Family Services staff and volunteers assemble and deliver holiday appropriate gifts to isolated community members and engage them in conversation.

Throughout the past year, holiday gift deliveries impacted over 50 households, approximately 138 individuals in our community. These regular contacts with community members allow JFS staff and volunteers to conduct wellness checks and address issues or difficulties individual households or community members are having. This year Maot Chittim distribution took place during the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. JFS staff and volunteers worked together to ensure that every household in Jewish Michiana was able to have a safe Seder at home this year.

Our holiday gift program allowed JFS to maintain contact with about 10% of the households in our area throughout the year. Our staff and volunteers being able to connect with so many people in our area helps to provide a safety net for the community.

Students at the South Bend Hebrew Day School helping make mishloach manot to be distributed to our JFS clients in February!



Facing COVID-19: Person to Person Calling

The Person to Person Program goal was to provide a timely human touch and response to the COVID-19 crisis to ensure the health and wellbeing of current and past JFS clients. By acting proactively, JFS staff contacted over 100 households in the community.

From our calling and assessing needs in the community, the person-to-person calling program, facilitated by trained volunteers, offers regular check ins. Between staff and volunteers, two dozen isolated community members are currently receiving check in

calls and food assistance.

JFS will continue to maintain contact with current and former clients, and anyone in the community who has concerns about isolation, getting groceries, or getting to needed appointments. Additionally, we will continue to evaluate the most effective methods to assist the community through these trying times.

One Drop in the Sea of Peace *By Chen Nissan, Israeli Shlichah*



Eyad Hallak z"l

Dear Community,

I hope you are all well, and that some of you managed to find a new routine during such an unusual time.

I personally feel like I'm living in-between times, not here and not there. I'm sure some of you will be able to relate to this feeling.

I'm watching the American news closely, and it's hard to believe how our lives turned around so quickly. The future seems like a fog of uncertainty. At times like this, it's important to hold on to the certain things- the strength of our community and our sense of togetherness that is stronger than any challenge.

There are protests all over America about social justice for the African-American community, and for today's article, I wanted to share with you another sad and frustrating story of police brutality that happened on May 30th in Israel. And I'll tell you how my friends and I decided

to act and do something about it.

On May 30th, a 32-year-old autistic Palestinian named Eyad Hallak was shot and killed by a police officer in East Jerusalem. Eyad was on his way to the "Elvin" center, a place for people with special needs that Eyad used to go for years.

The police officers, who were stationed near the Lions' Gate of the Old City, suspected Eyad was armed and called him to stop. Eyad didn't respond to their calls, and the police officers started chasing him while shooting. Eyad panicked and fled to a garbage room located a few dozen meters away, where he was shot by one of the officers even though he was unarmed.

The senior of the two officers claimed during an investigation that he ordered the shooting to stop immediately, but the junior police officer continued to fire nonetheless.

Eyad's counselor from the Alvin Center, Varda Abu Hadid, heard the shooting so she ran to the room before Eyad.

According to her, after Eyad entered the room she called out to the police, "He is disabled!" and Eyad said, "I am with her!" in Arabic, but they shot him again towards the center of his body.

Two of my best friends and I couldn't stop thinking about this story since

we heard it on the news, and we felt like we can't just sit and do nothing. So on Saturday, June 6th we drove to Eyad's parents' home to show solidarity, hear their story, and to talk with them.

Eyad's parents live in Wadi Joz, an Arab neighborhood of East Jerusalem, five minutes from the Hebrew University. We went to their back yard where they built a big tent for the visitors and mourners.

In the first few minutes, we were the only ones there since it was the Muslim prayer time. His parents came after the prayer, and our hearts were broken from seeing their sad eyes.

Eyad's father talked in Hebrew and the mother spoke in Arabic. Fortunately, my two friends speak Arabic and they were able to translate and communicate with her.

They told us how Eyad was a 5-year-old boy in a 32 years old body. He loved watching cartoon movies and playing with his little cousins.

He loved going to the "Elvin" center every day and during the Coronavirus, when it was closed, he asked his mother every morning if he can finally go. She had to explain to him every day why they couldn't go yet.

His father told us how Eyad's teachers taught him how to cut a salad, and when he got home he ran

to the kitchen to make salad for his family. They were so excited and proud of him.

Taking care of an autistic child takes a lot of effort and patience. They put their hearts and souls in raising him until the police officer took his life.

It was important for us to visit them and tell them how all the Israelis are shocked and hurt by hearing this story, it doesn't matter if they are leftist or right-wing.

They thanked us for coming and the three of us felt like we did something meaningful, we added another drop into the sea of peace.

Although we can't take this terrible case of police brutality back, I believe we can change reality if we won't be bystanders. As GOD commands us in the Torah- "Lo Taamod Al Dam Re'echa - "Don't stand idly by the blood of your neighbor."



Eyad's Father

A Year in Review For the Shlichim's Programs

Teen Programming

Goal

Organize activities designed to strengthen Jewish teenager identities and their connection to the community and to Israel.

Outcome

Events to achieve this goal included a being a Jewish minority in a non-Jewish environment workshop with Sarah Nerenberg, an Israel cooking party, and Israel on Campus: Challenges and Opportunities program developed in collaboration with the Community Relations Committee.

Chen's Viewpoint:

To encourage teens to embrace Jewish values we need to find ways for them to live and love their Jewish values by creating opportunities for them to explore Jewish issues and traditions. We hope to challenge our teens to discover their own path to an authentic relationship with Judaism and being a caring, giving, and ethical human being.



Yom Ha Atzmaut Israel Independence Day

Goal

To celebrate Israel's ethnic and religious diversity.

Outcome

Five virtual events organized into a one day celebration included a conversation with a mother of fallen soldier, and presentations on Ethiopian Jewry, by an Arab resident and education specialist from Western Galilee in collaboration with Partnership2Gether, and by our very own Megan New representing the Women's Momentum Group. The icing on the cake was our reunion with 12 former shlichim. All together, the event garnered over 500 Facebook views.

Chen's Viewpoint:

The coronavirus forced us to be creative in our programming. As a result of this challenge, we are stronger, more connected, and resilient. We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race.



Wine & Canvas for Young Adults

Goal

Our events are geared to create a social life to help young Jewish adults connect to their peer group in the community.

Outcome

The Wine and Canvas event had 14 participants for a creative painting with the word "Shalom"

Chen's Viewpoint:

Special shout out to the programming committee that included Abbie Davis, Sarah Feldbaum, Ben Finnan, and Allen Stenberg.

Our Community Table

By Deena Abraham

Writing this column was difficult. I had a hard time deciding which recipe to share. There are so many basic shelf items that are hard to find these days, and I didn't want to give you a recipe if you would not be able to purchase the ingredients. We are now in our third month of living in the new world of COVID-19. To a certain extent, I have accepted that when I go to a grocery store I might not be able to purchase flour, rice, or a specific shape of pasta that I wanted for a certain recipe.

It has seemed like the produce section in the store has been well stocked most of the time. Early on, I recall shortages of potatoes and onions. That happened before Pesach, a holiday for which I purchase potatoes and onions in large quantity. But aside from that, the produce section has seemed to fare well.

Many of us have found that during the stay-at-home order we've had time to get around to doing things that we haven't been able to make time for. We've cleaned - I know that my basement looks great. We've baked - thus the additional shortages of flour, yeast, etc. We've spent more time together as a family - a positive aspect of the situation. When

the weather (finally) warmed up, many of us took to the yard and gave it some attention.

When I was young I always envisioned myself as a gardener. I was sure that I would plant all sorts of vegetables, enjoying the bounty of my crop well into the fall. But, not everything in life turns out as we imagine. I've yet to find myself at a stage where I have enough time to spend on true gardening. And, I do not have good soil for planting much of anything. But this year I made a small container garden with pole beans. I figured that by focusing on only one item I should be able to handle maintaining my little garden. The plants are growing and seem to be doing well. Once the crop is in, I will prepare the beans using the recipe below.

My kids like to help snapping the ends off of the beans. When they were younger they needed a lot of direction because they would snap over an inch off of the end of each bean. Sometimes they removed more than what was left in the middle. Now, they are quite skilled in this area and like to help. Considering our options, snapping beans is a great addition to our somewhat limited activity list on any given day.



ROASTED GREEN BEANS

- 2 lb. green beans
- 2 Tbsp. toasted sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp. dry sherry
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Black pepper, to taste

Trim the ends of the green beans. Place the beans in a colander and rinse well. In a large pan, combine the toasted sesame oil, soy sauce, sherry and garlic. Add the green beans and toss to coat. Roast at 450 degrees for 15 minutes, stirring after every five minutes. When the green beans are done, remove them from oven and season with pepper. Serve warm or at room temperature.

From Our Friends & Partners!

We are excited to share with the community that we have a NEW lawn sign for your home! These signs are going up around Michiana. The "Kindness, Patience and Hope" lawn sign is here to help you and your neighbors to "Be A Carrier" of good. We have a limited supply, so fill out a form today at JewishSouthBend.com to receive this **free** gift from Chabad.



Thank You & Farewell Maggie Goldberg!



Maggie Goldberg has resigned her position of Executive Director of the Michiana Jewish Historical Society, a position she has held since 2010. Maggie was the energy behind publishing our beautiful photo-book "From Generation to Generation" in 2014, she brought the Family Tree Project to life, and she inspired us to make the digital

archive a reality. She helped start family programming including Hands on History, Schmoozapalooza, and Pickle Me. Maggie has said she believes that at least for the time being MJHS no longer needs an executive director and so she is stepping away from that position. The board accepted her resignation and is very happy to report that she is staying involved by serving on our board of directors. Thank you, Maggie, for your dedication to the mission and purpose of the Michiana Jewish Historical Society.



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Moshe Kruger offered his report as the new Executive Director. Moshe shared what he sees the Federation being capable of and the honor he felt in being given the chance to help us continue to grow and embrace the challenges laid before our community.

Ben Davis was recognized for his dedication during the over six years he served as the Executive Director. Our Betty & Sam Schpok Spirit of Federation Award was presented to Babs Waks in recognition of her years of service and commitment to the local Jewish community. Megan New was presented the

Robert Simon Leadership Development Award.

Scholarships were awarded to eight of our college students who are listed on page 12.

To close the meeting we remembered Lisa Lerman z"l, who just a year ago accepted the position of President of the Jewish Federation. Lisa was more than just a leader in our community, she was a friend, and a passionate volunteer. Her ideas and actions embraced our entire community and are reflected in the Bridge Endowment Fund established in her memory to strengthen the connections between Jews in our community.

Memorial Contributions

The Jewish Federation expresses its appreciation to these generous donors:

From the following contributors:

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In Memory of:

Lisa Lerman	Stu Fishman	Jenny Wolosin
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In Honor of:

Ron & Nancy Cohen's 60th Anniversary!
Diana & Bill Sarnat's 50th Anniversary!
Babs Waks, Recipient of the Betty & Sam Schpok Spirit of Federation Award

We welcome contributions to our various funds and programs. Individual acknowledgment cards are sent for each contribution. Please visit thejewishfed.org/giving-memorial-donations for a complete list of our designated endowment funds.

You can view our Annual report in its entirety by visiting our website at thejewishfed.org. Within the pages of the July and August Our Community News you will see highlights from that report, as well as the new information and updates that are staples of our newsletter.

We hope you have a chance to look at all we've done. We couldn't have done it without your support. It is only with your support and engagement that we can continue to make meaningful impact in our local Jewish community and beyond.

Our Values

K'lal Yisrael
Jewish Peoplehood

Chesed
Kindness and Compassion

Tzedakah
Charity

Tikkun Olam
Repair the World

Kahillah
Community

Chinuch
Education

Federation Book Club

By Beth Buechler

'Tis, by Frank McCourt

Using Zoom for our Federation Book Club discussions has given us lively, well-attended sessions. We may proceed from here on Zoom even after the building Jewish Federation reopens.

Frank McCourt—best known for his Pulitzer-Prize winning memoir Angela's Ashes—wrote two follow-up memoirs, 'Tis, and Teacher Man. Our opinions of 'Tis ranged from “Loved every minute,” to “I couldn't get past his stream-of-consciousness/long sentences.” McCourt proclaimed having gone through a James Joyce period while finding his voice. His political incorrectness, lack of impulse control, questionable attitudes about women, alcoholism, immaturity, unreliable narrator-hood, perpetual self-sabotage, and black humor all nevertheless led us to agree on his undeniable likability.

We especially appreciated his accurate depiction of the immigrant experience.

Having recently finished listening to his narration of Teacher Man, I felt his third memoir fully answered my questions about the kind of teacher he'd become. I re-listened to 'Tis just before our session. I wanted to hear his hilarious use of repetition again—a style that makes me feel on the inside of his jokes. For the purpose of our discussion, I also needed to get clear on which point in Frank McCourt's life he'd ended that second book. Spoiler alert: the actual death and ash-spreading of Angela takes place in 'Tis, not Angela's Ashes. McCourt waited until after his mother's death to write up his life because the real Angela would have been mortified to have him expose the family's biographical truths. In 1999 when Angela's Ashes first got published, McCourt was sixty-six. He wrote the third one in 2005.

Frank's pub-owning, radio-famous brother Malachy published his memoir in 2017, entitled Death Need Not Be Fatal. I couldn't resist adding it to my audiobook collection and



began listening this morning. I'm now enjoying yet another melodic voice of a real McCourt. For those of you thinking Frank McCourt is funny yet negative, try Malachy.

He is sure to lighten your day.

Upcoming Schedule of Books:

- **July 2:** Kaddish.com, a novel by Nathan Englander
- **August 6:** Fortitude: American Resilience in the Era of Outrage, a nonsense advice book by Dan Crenshaw
- **September 3:** The Dutch House, a novel by Ann Patchett
- **October 1:** Educated, a memoir by Tara Westover
- **November 5:** The Marsh King's Daughter, a novel by Karen Dionne
- **December 3:** The Lost

Man, a novel by Jane Harper

· **January 7:** The Rosie Project, a novel by Graeme Simsion

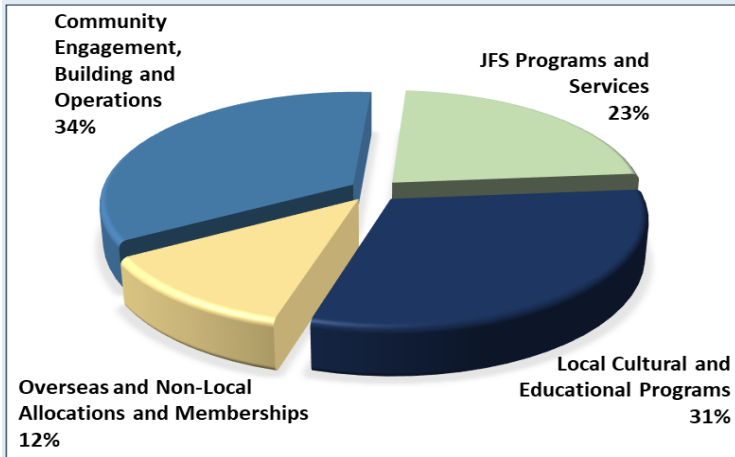
The Federation Book Club meets via Zoom at 4 PM for an hour or more on the first Thursday of the month. We choose books of either global or page-turning interest, and do not meet for the purpose of promoting our businesses, or those of our friends. Contact information to join is as follows: info@thejewishfed.org

Sheri will forward your email address to the organizer who will invite you to join our sessions via Zoom. The only requirement for attending a session is to read the book as listed for that date.

OUR VISION. OUR MISSION.
OUR VALUES. OUR GOALS.

The Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley is the central resource to embrace, connect and support Jews locally and globally through social services, coordinated fundraising, community outreach, and educational programs.

Impact Report



Your generous support is what makes it possible for the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley to make an impact in Jewish lives both locally and internationally. Your campaign dollars help ensure we can provide a variety of programs and services while adapting to the changing needs of our community.

If you have not had the opportunity to make your 2020 Campaign pledge we invite you to contact the Jewish Federation to make your most generous pledge today!

Make a pledge today to make a lifelong impact in our community.

Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley Unaudited Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2019

Jewish Family Services (JFS)

- Food Assistance
- Emergency Financial Aid
- Professional Staff and Services
- JFS Programming & Lunches
- Transportation Services

Local Jewish Cultural and Educational Programs

- Local Programming and Events
- Community Relations Committee
- Shlichah Program
- Camp Ideal
- PJ Library
- Local Educational Allocations

Overseas and Non-Local Allocations and Memberships

- Partnership2Gether
- Jewish Agency for Israel
- American Joint Distribution Committee
- World ORT
- Jewish Federations of North America
- Indianapolis JCRC
- ADL

Community Engagement, Building and Operations

- Building & Grounds Maintenance
- Utilities
- Marketing & Communications
- Annual Campaign
- Administrative and Facilities Staff
- Professional Development

See the impact your gift makes!

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash & Equivalents	\$ 127,582.27
Endowments	\$ 9,990,181.56
Accounts Receivable	\$ 233,977.35

Total Current Assets \$ 10,351,741.18

Fixed Assets

Simon Building	\$ 2,855,464.34
Land	\$ 84,000.00
Vehicles	\$ 64,070.20
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 337,233.79
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (1,771,208.39)

Total Fixed Assets \$ 1,569,559.94

Total Other Assets \$ 77,172.72

Total Assets \$ 11,998,473.84

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities (Accounts Payable)	\$ (1,542.60)
Other Liabilities	\$ 3,831,992.36
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,830,449.76

Equity

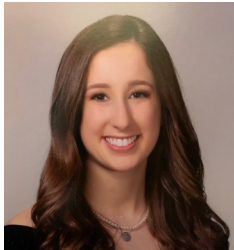
Net Assets	\$ 7,251,973.02
Net Income	\$ 916,051.06
Total Equity	<u>\$ 8,168,024.08</u>

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 11,998,473.84

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2020 College Scholarships Recipients

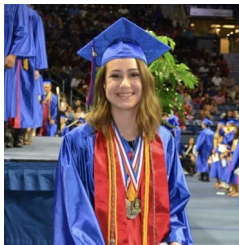
The **Kapson Scholarship** helps Jewish students from our area attend a university, college or technical institute in Indiana.



Maggie Cronk
Indiana University



Charles Freel
Indiana University



Naomi Freel
Indiana University

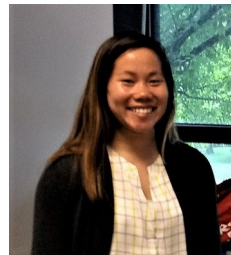


David Safur
Purdue University



Liora Wulfsohn
Indiana University

The **Lillian and Harvey Roland Scholarship Fund** provides scholarships to matriculating college students of parents who are either active in the Jewish community and are contributors to the Jewish Federation.

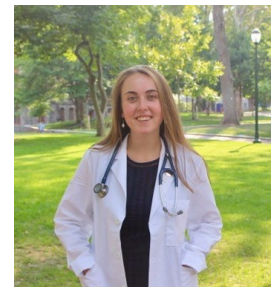


Tessa Schragger
Indiana University



Andrew Wayne
Butler University

Neil and Leah Silver Advanced Degree Scholarship
For our graduate students we have the **Neil and Leah Silver Advanced Degree Scholarship**. This fund provides support for a scholarship for Jewish students from our service area to attend an accredited university graduate program.



Nicole Wayne
Perelman School of Medicine,
University of Pennsylvania

Thank you to our Scholarship Committee

Jay Brockman
Mary Fisher
Sandy Roland-Hall

Carol Kapson
Craig Kapson

Pam Rubenstein
Carole Silver